## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

## **NOTICE OF FILING**

## DOCKET NO. 2008-431-C and DOCKET NO. 1999-485-C

First Choice Technology, Inc. ("First Choice") and NetLojix Telecom, Inc. ("NetLojix") (together "Applicants") have filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") an Application for approval of an Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement"), whereby First Choice will acquire NetLojix's residential and business long distance customer accounts in the State of South Carolina (the "Acquisition"). The Acquisition will consolidate and transfer NetLojix's residential and business accounts to First Choice in order to create a single larger provider of telecommunications services, according to the Application. NetLojix's customers will be given the opportunity to switch their service to a different carrier. First Choice anticipates that none of Netlojix's customers will experience any increase in rates due to the Acquisition.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Commission, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's website at <a href="www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a>, and is available from Leon Nowalsky, Esquire, Nowalsky, Bronston & Gothard, 3500 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 1442, Metairie, LA 70002.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina, in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **December 26**, **2008**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket Nos. 2008-431-C and 1999-485-C*.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and Leon Nowalsky, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **December 26, 2008,** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket Nos. 2008-431-C and 1999-485-C.* 

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **December 26**, **2008**. *Please refer to Docket Nos. 2008-431-C and 1999-485-C*.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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